



## Paul Begala

AUTHOR

Political Analyst and Commentator, CNN



### About:

- **Gender:** Male
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

### Engagement Types:

- Speaking

### Topics:

- Geopolitical Impact
- Global Economics & Markets
- Political Trends

## Biography Highlights

- Paul Begala offers a witty and highly informed perspective on politics, media, and today's headlines.

## Biography

Paul Begala is a political commentator, a professor of public policy, an author, and political strategist. He is a commentator for CNN, where he is part of the political team that has won both an Emmy Award and a Peabody Award. In addition to appearing on-air, Paul writes commentary for CNN, which is the world's most-read news organization website. Over the years, he has also been a frequent guest on Real Time with Bill Maher on HBO.

Begala is a Scholar with the University of Virginia Center for Politics and has previously taught at three universities: The University of Texas at Austin, where he taught in the School of Journalism; the University of Georgia, where he taught in the School of Law; and Georgetown University, where he was an Affiliated Professor in the McCourt School of Public Policy. He is also a regular guest lecturer at the National War College.

Begala is the author of six books about politics, several of which were *New York Times* bestsellers. In the 1990's he helped his friend John F. Kennedy,

Jr. launch the political magazine *George* and wrote the “Capitol Hillbilly” column.

Begala served in 1992 as a senior strategist for Bill Clinton’s presidential campaign and as Counselor to the President in the White House, helping coordinate policy, politics, and media. Before working for Pres. Clinton, Begala worked on Capitol Hill and advised campaigns across America. In 2012 he played a crucial role in the Obama-Biden re-election campaign. He has also done campaign work overseas, including in Israel, Europe, South America, the Caribbean, and Africa.

Begala is a Distinguished Alumnus of The University of Texas at Austin, where he received his bachelor’s degree in Government and his law degree. Paul was the student body president at UT and remains a loyal Longhorn fan. In his free time, Paul enjoys hunting, fly fishing, and working on his farm. Most of all, Paul loves spending time with his wife, Diane, and their four sons.

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## Videos



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## Paul's Topics

### **Politics Today: Show Business for Ugly People**

We have never had a less predictable, more volatile political climate than today. Paul Begala analyzes these tumultuous times with humor, insider knowledge, and deep experience.

Drawing on his service at the highest levels of government, as well as having taught at three universities and now working in the media, Begala brings a historical perspective to today’s political news. A regular on HBO’s “Real Time with Bill Maher,” he also brings a strong dose of wit and humor to all his speeches.

As a political strategist, Begala describes how to win. But as a citizen and former senior White House official, he never loses sight of what unites us as Americans.

**Available:** In person, Virtually

### **Anything They Throw At You: How Cutting-Edge Political Communications Techniques Can Help You Win**

A legendary political strategist, Paul Begala masterminded campaigns for the top leaders in government and corporate America. With his proven methods, he knows how to win over one of the toughest audiences in the world – the American public. Now, organizations can put these winning strategies at work for them. Begala provides audiences direction for crafting winning communications—which will appeal to even the most skeptical of audiences—in both business and personal life. He brings your audience proven tactics and techniques for communications success, and gives them specific strategies for getting their message across.

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## **Testimonials**

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Paul Begala and Tucker Carlson were phenomenal. They were right on the mark for all of their predictions for both the election and healthcare. They were great!!!!

*Utility*

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Paul Begala and Tucker Carlson were two of the best we've had at any of our annual meetings in thirteen years. Bright, witty, content rich and just a pleasure to be with. A++. We'll definitely be in touch for next year. Well done all around. NewSpring Capital

*Financial Services*

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Paul Begala was absolutely phenomenal and the highlight of our seminar! He was charming, entertaining, knowledgeable, and funny!

*Financial Services*

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Fantastic! Stimulating! Humorous! Everyone really enjoyed Tucker & Paul's political insights. Clearly they set a fabulous tone but covered the waterfront of candidates and topics in a very insightful manner.

*Financial Services*

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Paul Begala is a great entertainer as well as a commentator! He had everyone in the room laughing, writing things down and talking about what he was saying. The information is rich and given in such a way that you need to listen to every word. And, he is such a gracious person. I would recommend him to everyone and we certainly want to have him back for another event. It was a breath of fresh air to have him as part of the program—people wanted more!

*Health Care*

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Paul Begala was GREAT! Everyone loved him.

*Health Care*

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Paul was fantastic! He was so engaging and humorous and did a great job of relating his personal experience with physical therapy. He was extremely well received.

*Health Care*

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Paul Begala was a dynamic, humorous and engaging speaker and the feedback has been wonderful.

*Health Care*

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It was fantastic! Paul was one of the best speakers we have had. He was engaging and funny and gave a balanced perspective. We have had great feedback. Thank you and Paul for your attentiveness and careful planning, it showed in the presentation.

*Non-Profit*

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We LOVED Paul Begala! Our audience was so pleased. He was outstanding. He made the event personal, local, relevant and humorous.

*Telecommunications*

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Paul Begala and Tucker Carlson knocked it out of the park! They were spectacular and everyone loved having them. They are also very nice guys. I really enjoyed meeting them and getting to know them a little. I would and have already recommended them highly to others. Thanks for setting it up.

*Legal*

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Paul Begala and Hugh Hewitt had great chemistry! The audience was completely drawn into their dialog. It was extremely well received – evident by questions from the audience, their enthusiastic applause and the survey responses received after the meeting concluded. Just overwhelmingly positive.

*Travel and Tourism*

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Paul Begala's delivery was powerful and passionate, and the feedback that we received from the participants was absolutely positive. He made such a positive impression. Everyone was hanging on

his every word.

*Automobiles*

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Tucker Carlson and Paul Begala were a perfect fit for our annual meeting!

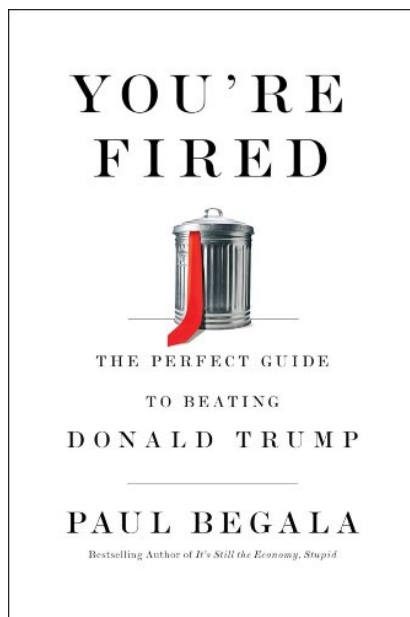
*Chambers of Commerce*

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Paul Begala did a wonderful job. In fact, he received a standing ovation from a mostly Republican audience! His weaving of humor and personal stories to provide clear and truthful political analysis was splendid. Overall, he had a hopeful message about America’s future and opportunities that are unique to our country. He really is a gifted speaker, and great with people.

*Universities and Colleges*

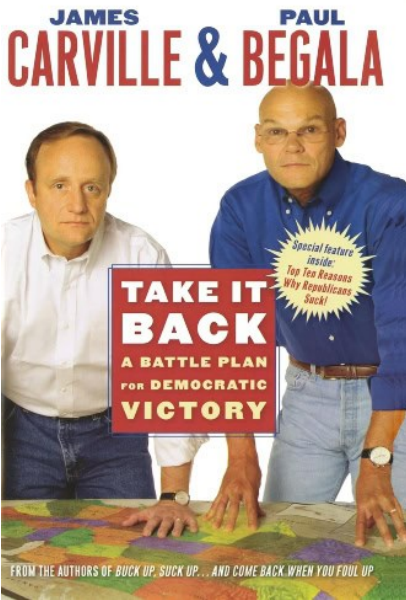
## Books



### **You're Fired: The Perfect Guide to Beating Donald Trump**

Donald Trump became famous bellowing, “You’re fired!” on TV in a make-believe boardroom. Now, millions of Americans want to yell it right back at him—but Trump has seemed to almost defy the laws of political physics. Paul Begala, one of America’s greatest political talents, lays out the strategy that will defeat Trump and send him and his industrial-strength spray-on tan machine back to Mar-a-Lago.

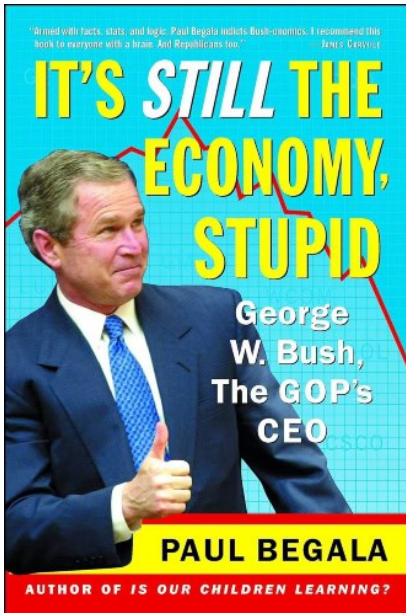
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## Take It Back: Our Party, Our Country, Our Future

In this important book, James Carville and Paul Begala show Democrats how they can take it back. They offer a clear-eyed critique of their party's failures and make specific, concrete recommendations on how Democrats can avoid losing elections on divisive issues such as abortion, gun control, gay rights, and moral values and start winning them on health care, political reform, energy, the environment, tax reform, and more.

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## It's Still the Economy, Stupid: George W. Bush, The GOP's CEO

When he took office in 2001, George W. Bush inherited the strongest economy in American history. He inherited the largest federal budget surplus in American history -- and the prospect of paying off the entire national debt in just eight years. He inherited a strong dollar and sound fiscal policy. He inherited a nation whose economy was so strong that commentators who just a decade before were predicting American decline were now complaining about American dominance. And yet, Dubya blew it. Squandered everything he'd inherited from President Clinton. We thought if Junior was good at anything, it was inheriting things.

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